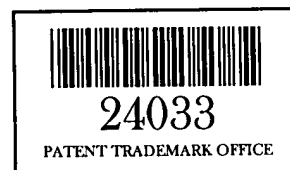


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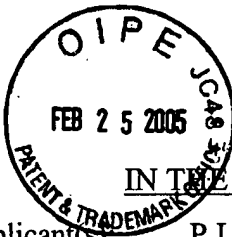
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a non-final office action in the above case dated November 17, 2004 in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §103) by prior cited art. Applicants have amended certain claims to distinguish over the cited art and clarify the claim language, canceled claims, and added claims. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-4, 6, 16, and 18-34 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.  
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